

**METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR
INTEROPERABLE CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL**

ABSTRACT

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In one aspect, according to a first form of the invention, a method for accessing cryptographic material includes creating cryptographic material, by a first Cryptographic-related application programming interface ("API"), in response to a request by a first application compatible with the first Cryptographic-related API. A supplemental aspect of the cryptographic material is created by a supplemental method for the first cryptographic API. The supplemental aspect includes information for rendering the cryptographic material compatible with a second Cryptographic-related API. The cryptographic material is then accessed for a second application by the second Cryptographic-related API.